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## REPLY TO MONTCLAIR OFFICE

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## JOINT LETTER-MOTION TO CONTINUE DATE FOR STATUS CONFERENCE

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Hon. Naomi Reice Buchwald, Senior U.S.D.J. Moynihan United States Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: United States v. Tsani Russell, 19-cr-554(NRB)

Dear Judge Buchwald:

This letter is respectfully submitted by undersigned counsel as a joint request by the parties to establish a new date for the next status conference in this case, presently set for March 24 at 2:30pm. The parties jointly request a continuance of approximately 45 days and, if this application is allowed, will work with Your Honor's Deputy Clerk on establishing a date that is convenient to all.

The parties have been engaged in productive discussions of a potential resolution of the case. However, the many exigencies created by the Covid-19 pandemic have made further progress impossible. It remains the goal of counsel to reach a resolution of this case. The defense consents to a waiver of Speedy Trial Act timelines.

The Court's time and attention to this matter are appreciated.

Respectfully yours, /s/ David A. Ruhnke

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